



Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

2013 Deer Hunt Regulations

All refuge hunters **MUST** follow these regulations. Please review prior to your hunt.

1. Scouting dates for applicants are September 20 – 22, 2013. Scouting in closed areas of the refuge at other times is prohibited. However, outside of hunting dates trails are open 365 days a year during daylight hours.
2. All hunting must be in accordance with applicable State of Michigan regulations plus all additional Federal regulations listed below.
3. Refuge permit, valid State of Michigan hunting license and identification must be carried at all times while hunting. Youth hunters must also carry their Hunter Safety certification cards.
4. Refuge permit is not transferable. Only the person whose name appears on the permit is allowed to hunt.
5. Motorized vehicle access is not permitted. Overnight parking or camping is not allowed in the refuge or parking lots. Park in designated areas only.
6. Motorized boat access on navigable waterways flowing through the refuge is permitted. Boat access into the marsh and pool units is not allowed.
7. Only the red shaded area on your permit map is open to hunting. All other areas are closed.
8. The survey card found in the hunter's packet **MUST** be displayed on the vehicle dash while hunting on the refuge. If you are using a boat, please place the card where it is visible in the boat. ***Applicants must complete survey online within 7 days of the end of your hunt period (or mail to Kinsail for paper applicants).** **Those hunters who fail to submit surveys will lose refuge hunting privileges for two years.**
9. All firearms hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of solid-colored hunter orange on head, chest, and back while hunting on the refuge. This regulation also applies to helpers for the non-ambulatory hunts. Camouflage orange does not qualify as solid orange.
10. Portable blinds (used during gun hunts) must display a minimum of 100 square inches (or 10"x 10") of solid-colored hunter orange material on the external surface visible on all sides of the blind.
11. You must use the weapon designated for the hunt period. For example, shotguns only during the shotgun hunts. Shotguns must use slugs; buckshot is not permitted. Handguns are **ONLY** allowed for the non-ambulatory deer hunts.

12. Crossbows may be used during the archery season only.
13. Portable tree stands and raised platforms are permitted. Construction or use of permanent blinds, shooting lanes, scaffolding, flagging, and reflective pins/markers are prohibited. The portable tree stand and raised platform cannot be affixed or attached to any tree by nails, screws, bolts, or any means that may cause permanent damage to the tree. Screw-in steps are not permitted. Your name and address must be affixed and prominently displayed on your tree stand or raised platform. Tree stands may be left in place for the duration of your hunt period. Risk of loss is assumed by the permittee.
14. Baiting of deer is prohibited.
15. No driving of deer anywhere on the refuge.
16. One deer may be taken from the refuge. Hunt periods are designated “antlerless only” or “either sex.” Hunters harvesting a deer must tag it with a valid state tag. Depending on the deer you harvest you will either use your state-issued “buck” tag, unused archery tag, or the public lands antlerless tag for Deer Management Unit 173.
17. Applicants for the nonambulatory deer hunt are required to have a non-hunting helper. The refuge has a list of volunteers if needed.

Failure to comply with any of the above regulations will result in a Notice of Violation being issued and a loss of future refuge hunting privileges.

***New this for 2013: Hunters must submit survey online even if they chose not to hunt or was not successful in harvesting a deer. Paper applicants can submit online or must mail to Kinsail (Shiawassee NWR Deer Hunt, c/o Kinsail Corporation, 2200 North George Mason Drive, Unit 7087, Arlington, VA, 22207) no later than 7 days after their hunt period ends.**